

National Intelligence Authority

The President, by letter dated 20 September 1945, directed the Secretary of State "to take the lead in developing a comprehensive and coordinated foreign intelligence program for all federal agencies concerned with that type of activity through the creation of an interdepartmental group, heading up under the State Department, which would formulate plans for the President's approval."

Accordingly the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy constituted themselves an interdepartmental group and submitted to the President on January 7, 1946, a plan for a National Intelligence Authority. After consideration of that plan the President addressed the following letter, dated January 22, 1946, to the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy:

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